

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims provided below will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for immunizing an infant mammal against a target antigen, comprising inoculating the mammal with an effective amount of a nucleic acid encoding a relevant epitope of the target antigen in a pharmaceutically effective carrier, such that the therapeutically effective amount of the relevant epitope is expressed in the infant mammal, and wherein the infant mammal is immunized.
2. (Currently amended) A method for inducing a cytotoxic T cell response against a pathogen in an infant mammal, comprising inoculating the mammal with an effective amount of nucleic acid encoding more than one relevant epitope of one or more target antigen associated with the pathogen in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, such that the therapeutically effective amounts of the relevant epitopes are expressed in the infant mammal, and wherein the infant mammal is immunized.
3. (Currently amended) An immunogenic composition comprising a ~~of~~ nucleic acid encoding one or more relevant epitopes of one or more target antigens, ~~for use in preparation of an~~ wherein said immunogenic composition ~~which~~ may be used in a method of inducing a cellular immune response in an infant mammal.